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SUBJECT: STOCKHOLM PROTEST OF SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA

REF: GOTEBORG 204 (NOTAL)

- 1. A DEMONSTRATION PROTESTING THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS HELD IN STOCKHOLM ON AUGUST 21, THE NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THAT EVENT. MORE THAN 1,800 MEMBERS AND SYMPATHIZERS OF VARIOUS SWEDISH POLITICAL AND POLITCAL EXILE ORGANIZATIONS, COORDINATED BY AN "AUGUST 21 COMMITTEE," PARADED FROM DOWNTOWN STOCKHOLM TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY WITH A VARIETY OF ANTI-SOVIET BANNERS DEMANDING MAINLY THE REMOVAL OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA.
- 2. THE PRESS REPORTED THAT SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD ON THE SAME DAY IN MORE THAN 40 LOCALITIES THROUGHOUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SWEDEN, INCLUDING GOTEBORG (REFTEL).

3. COMMENT: IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THIS YEAR'S SERIES OF DEMONSTRATIONS INVOLVED CONSIDERABLY MORE PARTICIPANTS THAN THOSE LAST YEAR. THE FACT THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 4,000 CZECH IMMIGRANTS IN SWEDEN, NOT TO MENTION OTHER THOUSANDS OF EASTERN EUROPEAN POLITICAL

EXILES, ACCOUNTS PERHAPS FOR THE VIGOR OF THE SWEDISH RESPONSE TO THE EVENTS OF AUGUST 1968. THE GOS, WHOSE RELATIONS WITH PRAGUE ARE STILL AT A RATHER LOW POINT, CHOSE APPARENTLY TO REFRAIN FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR.

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